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G.O. No. 1200

DATED 18-8-1923

[Despatch Abstract.]

Grazing fees - Harpanahalli Range - Bellary District - Reduced.

Office of the
Chief Conservator of Forests
Chepauk, 16-8-1923

My dear Graham,

Will you kindly refer to page 1859 of Volume XII No.2 of Proceedings of the Legislative Council Third Session, Tuesday 27th February 1923. You will see that Knapp stated in reply to a question by Rao Bahadur C.V. Ranga Reddi that the grazing rate in the Harpanahalli Range of Bellary was 8 annas per cow unit and in reply to a subsequent question by Mr.Ranganatha Mudaliar he said that this rate was in force when his answer was prepared. The answer was based on a U.O. reply by Cox to a question sent to him by Development but I cannot find any record of it. In any case, the information given was wrong as the rate is and has been since 1st July 1919 one rupee per cow unit. On the strength of Knapp's reply Ranganatha Mudaliar has been stumping the Harpanahalli country telling the people that he has got the rate reduced from Re.1/ to 8/annas. I heard that he was doing this and yesterday taxed him with it; when he showed me Knapp's reply. In view of this he was more or less justified though at the same time he must have known that Knapp was wrong.

2 I was in Bellary District last week and discussed the question of grazing rates with Whitehead and we both came to the conclusion that the rupee rate for Harpanahalli was too high and should be reduced and I was about to draft a letter to Government asking for sanction to reduce it from next July. I did not intend proposing reduction from last July as I thought there might be a certain amount of difficulty in refunding the fees paid which might possibly not find their way back into the pockets of the men who paid them. But Ranganatha Mudaliar assures me that he will see that the refund is properly made if Government will reduce the fee with effect from 1st July '23.

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The matter is somewhat urgent as people are presumably either taking out licenses at Re.1/- now or are grazing illicitly, relying on the H.E.C's promise, hence my writing to you instead of going up in the usual way

Would you kindly let me know whether I may at once reduce the rate with effect from 1st July 1923.. If you approve of my doing so will you kindly tell your office to send a telephone message to my Personal Assistant with whom I am leaving instructions to issue the necessary orders; I myself leave for Chittoor early tomorrow morning.

Yours sincerely

K Krishnan

To

The Hon'ble Mr.R.A. Graham, C.S.I., I.C.S.,
Member, Executive Council,
Fort St. George.

Draft

FO file

Please see Treasury draft letter dated 12 September and their remarks thereon at P/3. As you will see, Treasury has not stated to what amount the fee may be reduced. It is presumed that it has to be reduced to £1 per cent.

2. As the original order was issued by Post it would perhaps be useful for Post to issue the order reducing the fee.

3. As regards the date from which the reduction should take effect, it is difficult to say. (as suggested by Mr Lee) how long Ranganathan can carry on his undertaking. But it seems we will have to leave it to the Treasury to fix a period.

4. A draft order is attached.

LRR
17.8.23

(W) (No. 3796-W/27-11-1917 - p.2)

S/Lee
17.8.23

Q. Should fellowship reach Scheme be referred to during the year 1950?

(W) 3796 (27-11-1917)

H

It is true that Mr Knoll answered a letter addressed to the Chief Constable but it could gain all the reference to the roll. It is quite obvious that it was not checked by anyone in authority in the CC's office, or, if it had been, the mistake would have been discovered & amended. The order is for 3/9th dated 27.11.19 as before, also the Parish roll (enclosed herewith) was made up for 1918-19 and was sent out by Rent Collector. That, indeed, is what actually did happen when the Parish Council sent in the notice and in signed his name to the letter & therefore in all fairness I do not think it should be charged against him.

2. I think both allotment & grazing fees are subject to remission for acceptance the draft is, therefore, returned.

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H.
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I do not think we should be bound to reduce the rate because a mistaken answer was put into the mouth of the member in charge. Since however the C C recommends the reduction on its merits it may

Please state
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RCL
18/8/23

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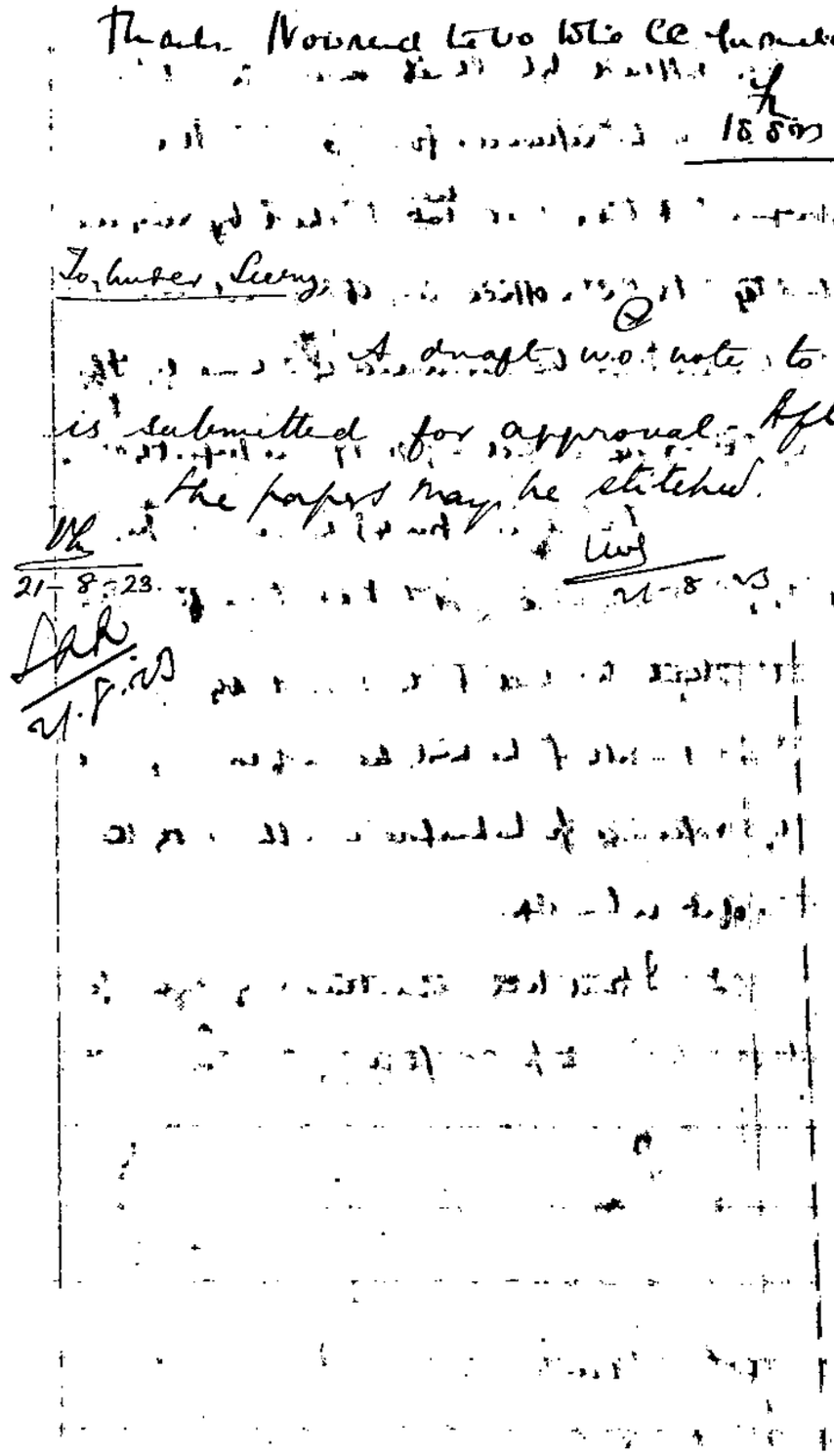

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